
THE P R E F A C E.

THE first Rise of this Work, was owing to an *Interview* I had with some of the Ministers here at *London*, who favour and patronize what, upon mature Deliberation, I am from *Divine* Evidence satisfied with the ancient *Fathers*, and many eminent modern *Divines*, is the true native and genuine Scripture Doctrine of *Water-Baptism*. One great Motive which induc'd me to the Undertaking, resulted from a Complaint of the want of a particular Psalmody for the *Baptizing Place*, and my Hymns on other Subjects having been perused, I was entreated to attempt something of this Kind. My greatest Discouragement, was the slender Idea I had of *English* Poetry. But when I consider'd the peculiar Task of Poetry, in the earliest Ages, was to celebrate the Praises of the *Great Author* of the Universe; That this was the noble use, which the *Israelites* of old, who were *God's* peculiar People, made of it; and being persuaded, that true and Salutary Divinity would, with not a few, supply the Defect of a Poetical Genius, I ventur'd to publish the following Sheets: And have Reason to hope, the whole is conducted in such a manner, as may not be displeasing to the politer Part of Mankind, any more than offensive to the plainer Sort of *Christians*.

The whole of these *Hymns* are written in one sort of Metre, and fitted to the most common

Tune, and what is most usually Sung in our Assemblies, that none may from them meet with any Difficulty: when they inten'd to pay that Tribute of Adoration, which is due only to the *Almighty*, and are employed in that Part of Worship, which of all others bears the nearest Resemblance of Heaven. And as the Expressions of Scripture are ever most agreeable to sincere Christians, I have endeavour'd also as much as may be, to confine myself to these Sacred Words (if the Verse should thereby be weaken'd in the Judgment of the Criticks, with whom I do not now concern myself) the greatest Latitude I have taken, being at most but a Paraphrase upon some one Portion or other of the holy Oracles of *God*, as every One who is acquainted therewith, will readily see: And therefore, had I apply'd to the Margin, as an Addition to these annexed to the Titles, the Texts thus referr'd to, this Method perhaps might have been less useful than easy,

I am very Sensible that many Ministers, as well as private *Christians* of the baptiz'd Churches, who take Pleasure in Hymns and Spiritual Songs seem rather to have wish'd for than attempted a Work of this Nature: And therefore modestly hope, these Hymns as they here stand, may be an Incitement to some abler and more acceptable Hand, to favour the baptiz'd Churches of *Christ*, with a mature Production of what may herein appear only in Embrio, and as but a very slender Specimen. In the mean Time, if this Attempt should prove abortive among the publick Societies, yet permit me humbly to hope for one Thing, which is, that the *Lord* who dwells in *Zion*, and inhabits the Praises of *Israel*, will by his blessed *Spirit*, make these Compositions useful to
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private *Christians*; who with the Matter and Manner thereof, may with me go Singing in to Heaven: And this will do more than compensate my well intended Labour, and may in some Measure also redress the Loss my *Christian* Friends may sustain, of my Dissertations on the Subject and Mode, or the *Scripture Doctrine of Water Baptism*, occasioned by what the Rev. and worthy Mr. *Glas*, unworthily and unlike himself, tho' yet I would fain hope sincerely published on that Head; and written by me, principally for the use of the Congregational Churches in *Scotland*, the Publication whereof with many other, the Author's Works has been hitherto prevented; neither shall I now enter upon the Merits of that cause any farther, than the present Undertaking has naturally obliged me to do in the ensuing Compoſures.

I am well Satisfied, amidst all their Weaknesses, that yet these *Hymns* are not pleasantly vain, as *Augustin* censured the writings of *Homer*; Nor indeed that either of the Parts of the same Father's Observation on *Cicero*, can be justly applied here, namely: "That he was much delighted in his Eloquence, but he soon grew weary, because the Name of *Christ*, was not to be found there in all his reading."

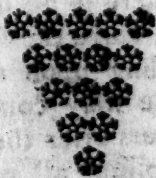
Now therefore, I leave the following *Hymns* to the Divine Blessing upon all those Hands, unto whom the same may come, particularly the Impartial Inquirers after the Truth as it is in *Jesus*; who, despising all wanton Rhymes, Fables, and Lies, will with the Honourable *Bereans*, search the Scriptures and see whether these Things bear the stamp of Divine Authority or no? By which means, not a few have found themselves obliged, even in the matter of *Baptism*, to think and act otherwise than they

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have done; and have also experienc'd their Establishment in yet weightier Concerns, when their Feet had well nigh slipt, looking unto *Jesus*, the Summ and substance of Divine Revelation, and that Rock, upon which the Church is built, against which the Gates of Hell shall never prevail.

To conclude. I pray *God* that in perusing this Human Composure, the Materials whereof are visibly borrowed from the Scriptures, *our Fellowship may be with the Father, and with his Son Jesus Christ*, not only in the Baptism of Water, but also of his Spirit, and Sufferings: for as *there are three that bear Record in Heaven, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost; and these three are one: So, there are three that bear Witness in Earth, the Spirit, the Water, and the Blood, and these Three, agree in One.*

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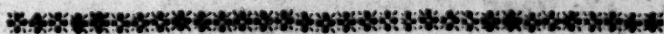
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I. *The original Institution and Practice of* Water-Baptism,

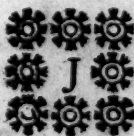
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John Commission'd by CHRIST to Baptize.

John i. 33. *Mark* ii. 30. *Matth.* 3. 5. *Mark*

i. 4. 5. *Luke* 3. 7. *John.* 3. 23.

I.



JOHN BAPTIST mission'd from above,
The Son of God baptiz'd;
Who to communicate his Love,
The Custom patroniz'd.

2.

He our Redeemer Lord, and Friend,

Whom we *Messiah* call;

Did cause the *Spirit* to descend,

The *Holy Ghost* to fall.

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3.

In *Jordan* *Christ* baptized was.
And there the *Spirit* came ;
John saw amaz'd — and cry'd alas!
How wonderful's thy Name !

4.

He the blest Harbinger of Peace,
Vested with Pow'r Divine ;
Observ'd *Christ's* Glory to increase,
And mark'd the promis'd Sign.

5.

During *Christ's* Ministry on Earth,
He twelve *Apostles* sent
To baptize ; — and make known his Birth,
Thus, seventy from him went.

6.

But ere *Christ* their Commissions sign'd,
Or gave them Pow'r at large ;
Himself, he to the Flood resign'd
To sanctify that Charge.

7.

The Institution thus convey'd,
They gloriously made good ;
His Heav'nly Kingdom too display'd,
Wading thro' Seas of Blood.

8.

When *Christ* was risen from the Dead,
Where his Church had its Rise ;
The Converts were to *Jordan* led,
Yea *Paul* did rebaptize.

9.

Th' *Apostles* 'Mission's fuller shine,
And now more Souls believe ;
John's Mission too was all Divine,
Which first he did receive.

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10.

They of *Jerusalem* sought him out,
Judea did the same:
And all, the Regions round about,
To dip in *Jordan* came.

11.

Professors of the Faith alone,
Baptized were by *John*,
The *Baptist* dip'd them ev'ry one,
As he did *God's own Son*.

12.

The Scriptures from the first to last,
In this one Point agree,
That *Christians* all, as in Times past,
Shou'd now *immersed* be.

13.

John's Spring from *God's* House came below,
To water *Shittim's* Vale,
With Water shall the Rivers flow,
The Well-Spring shall not fail.

14.

His Church bewilder'd, He'll regale,
With Comforts will supply,
And Vineyards plant in *Achor's* Vale,
His Love to testify.

15.

With Righteousness and Mercy store,
Christ says, "I'll her betroth,
Nor shall the Name of *Baalam* more,
Be utter'd from her Mouth,

16.

With Pow'r *Divine* I'll shake the Earth,
Create an holy Seed,
And to perpetuate the Birth,
The choicest *Vine* shall bleed.

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17.

The Mountains now drop new ſweet Wine,
With Milk the Hills regale :
Then melt, — and Jordan's River ſhines,
T' enrich the barren Vale.

18.

As in our great Fore-fathers Days,
They learn our holy Song ;
Yea Jordan's Hills rebound with Praise,
Amidſt a num'rous Throng.

19.

Jordan, ev'n Jordan's ſacred Streams,
With an impetuous Tide,
Along the fertile Vales are ſeen,
Perpetually to glide.

II. *The Baptiſm of CHRIST by John in Jordan. Taken from the literal Account thereof by the Evangelists; compar'd particularly with John i. 14. And the Account Juſtin Martyr gives of our Saviour's Baptiſm. He ſaith expreſſy, that there was a Fire lighted in the River Jordan: that is, the Water immediately after he was Baptized in it, ſeem'd to be all in Fire, by the Reflection of that bright and flaming Appearance in which the Holy Ghoſt deſcended upon him. And in the Goſpel of the Nazarens, (as Grotius obſerves) 'tis ſaid that upon the Holy Ghoſt's deſcent, immediately a great Light ſhone round about the Place.*

II. The Baptiſm of Chriſt, Matth. 3. 13, 14, 15, 16, 17.

I.

JESUS to do his Father's Will,
In Jordan was baptiz'd:
Out of the Water He went up,
With Glory that ſurpriz'd.

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2.

When he out of the *Water* rose,
God-Man immer's'd appear'd;
And that he was in *Water* plung'd,
This Circumstance has clear'd.

3.

Straitway out of the *Water* come,
Asunder Heavens past,
Like hov'ring Dove the *Spirit* came down,
Her Wings around him cast.

4.

In *Jordan* River Fire gave Light,
When *Christ* was there baptiz'd,
Th' Appearance bright and flaming was,
The Waters were surpriz'd.

5.

The River *Jordan* all on Fire,
With dazzling Splendour blaz'd;
The Mountains seem'd to bow their Heads,
The Waters were amaz'd.

6.

Appearance, Glorious, visible,
A Body full of Light:
A Guard of *Angels* him surround,
They shine in Forms most bright:

7.

Christ's Body luminous appear'd,
And Glorious to the Eye:
While Guards of *Angels* standing round,
Proclaim'd the Deity.

8.

The Glorious Scene *John Baptist* saw,
John's Disciples beheld,
The Temple's Glory *Cherubick*,
In *Jordan* much excell'd.

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9.
This Scene which touch'd *John* to the quick,
And which his Friends beheld ;
The Light between the *Cherubims*,
In Grandeur far excell'd.

10.
When Eastern fiery Rays of Light,
On ruddy Waters shone ;
The fleshy Temple far eclips'd,
That built by *Solomon*.

11.
The River shone bright, luminous,
Reflecting Glory's rise,
Splendid was *Christ's Baptizing Day*,
Jordan to aggrandize.

III. The Baptism of Christ. — Mark i. 9,
10, 11.

1.
THE *Holy Spirit* : — *Burning Brook*. —
The *Angels* in Array, —
Were all observ'd to solemnize
Our Lord's Baptismal Day.

2.
Wide open'd were the Heavens high,
His Baptism full to prove,
And lo! the *Holy Ghost* came down,
In likeness of a Dove.

3.
With Wings expanded on his Head,
The Spirit did alight,
And a large Circle round about,
Became exceeding bright.

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4.
When *Christ* fulfill'd all Righteousness,
Reflecting Spheres of Light,
The *Angels* dressed smart, the *Sp'rit*,
And Glory's Voice were bright.

5.
From exc'llent Glory said the Voice,
I'm pleas'd well with my Son ;
Tabor's to Jordan's Voice subjoin'd,
Hear him ev'n him alone.

6.
Moses had *Horeb's* burning Bush,
Israel's fiery Cloud ;
Red Sea and *Wilderness* throughout,
And *Sinai's* flaming Flood.

7.
Ev'n he had *Horeb's* burning Bush,
Sinai's devouring Fire,
And *Israel's* Pillar for his Guide ;
But *Christ* had Honours higher.

8.
For. when on *Tabor's* Mount ; He talk'd,
With *Moses* and *Elias* ;
The chosen three and much belov'd,
There saw the true *Messias*.

9.
How did *Christ's* Face on *Tabor* shine,
Tabor thou holy Mount ?
Select Disciples, most belov'd,
What Figure did ye count ?

10.
Like snowy white, and glist'ring He,
With Light'ning's Flash array'd ;
With dazzling Splendour all enrob'd,
No Human Art convey'd !

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11.

For, there *Christ* suddenly transform'd,
In all his Glory shone ;
The Lustre darted from his Face,
Brighter than Mid-day Sun !

12.

And from his Garments Beams of Light,
Reflected all around,
Than Flakes of Snow more pure and white,
When falling to the Ground !

13.

Thy Glory did th' *Apostles* see,
Entab'd *Messias* !
And *John* thy Glory did discern,
Full shining as it was !

14.

Such was the Glory *John* discern'd,
When *Jordan's* Banks he trod ;
And such the Glory *Moses* crown'd,
When he approach'd the *God*.

15.

This Light, made *Moses* Face to shine ;
Th' *Apostles* catcht the Flames,
At *Pentecost* ; like cloven Tongues,
Of Fire bright flashing Beams :

16.

Such Glory then (at *Whitsuntide*,
When the *Apostles* met)
In Tongues of Fire upon the Heads
Of ev'ry one was set.

17.

The fiery Flames asunder clove,
As Flames by Nature move ;
Extend Spire-like, Pyramidal,
Like Tongues when they are clove.

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18.

Like Tongues that sharpest are at Top,
The Fire divided parts;
If crown'd th' *Apostles'* Heads each one,
On each a Flame it darts.

19.

The radiant Heav'n — descending Flames,
At first asunder clove;
Then curl'd in Spires Pyramidal,
As Flames by Nature move.

20.

Thus *Christ* with Fire *baptized* them,
And He this *Baptism* wears;
In *Jordan* He did *Shechanize*,
And Regal Pow'rs he bears.

21.

He there with Regal Pow'r was cloath'd,
And there he *Shechaniz'd*;
Yea *Christ* with Fire and Water both,
In *Jordan* was *baptiz'd*.

22.

Now he inaugurated was,
And crown'd the Church's King;
The Royal Diadem his Brows
Around incircling.

23.

Bright Waters well became the Son,
Which grac'd his *Father's* Court;
When *Angels* his *Baptismal* Guards,
To *Jordan* did resort.

24.

These Heav'nly Spirits minist'ring,
Presence *Divine* declar'd;
Such Splendour *Jordan* never saw,
Till thither *God* repair'd.

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25.

Refulgent Rays of sacred Fire,
Intense, Cherubic, bright ;
Peculiar Characters of *Christ*,
Reflected endless Light.

26.

To Heav'ns high Tow'rs the Glory rose,
With which *God-man* did shine ;
Solemn his Coronation was,
And every Thing *Divine*.

27.

The splendid Robes — the Diadem
Which on his Head he wore,
Shew'd that the *God-head* in him dwelt,
And shall for evermore.



IV. *The Baptism of Christ.* Luke 3. 21, 22.
John 1. 32, 34.

1.

CHRIST the great *Propitiation* is,
Our never erring Guide ;
And we'll to *Jordan* follow him,
That Blessings may betide.

2.

Imperial Robes invested him,
We own him for our King ;
We'll *dip* in *Jordan* as did he,
T'obey is no hard Thing.

3.

From rended Heav'ns the *Spirit* comes,
The *Holy Ghost* swift flies ;
Pitches on him in Bod'ly Shape,
As Doves come from the Skies.

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4.

With spreaded Wings upon his Head,
In Beaut'ons Form descends
The *Holy Ghost* ; and then forthwith,
Bright Light the Place attends.

5.

A Voice came Thund'ring down from Heav'n,
'Tis my Beloved Son ;
To *Jordan's Tabor's* Voice rejoin'd,
Besides him hear ye none.

6.

To serve him we're in Duty bound,
To him we'll Homage pay ;
Nor shall the Rebel Race usurp,
Our rightful Sov'reign's Sway.

7.

Baptiz'd we in that Church shall feast ;
Where *Christ* himself resides ;
His *Father* likewise we'll revere,
And trust in none besides.

8.

Fat Things are there, and Wines refin'd,
In midst of her *Chr'ist* sits ;
The *Father's* Name to us declares,
There Praise to him befits.

9.

Bright Image of the *Father's* Face,
His Representative,
Monarch supream and Governour,
Thy *Institutes* revive.

10.

God's *Viceroy* in the *Christian* Church,
Shall always reign supreme ;
His Word's a Law, his Law we love,
And him we'll make our Theme.

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11.

The Cedars which on *Lebanon*
He planted, thrive and grow;
On them Birds build their Nests; and sing,
They're water'd all with Snow.

12.

We love the Snow of *Lebanon*,
Ascended to God's Light;
The Things that differ we have seen,
For *Jesus*' Truths we fight.

13.

The *Burning Bush* is not consum'd,
The water'd Cedars stand;
That Light will shine unto the last,
Which shin'd in *Goshen*'s Land.

14.

No *Philistine* damms up the Well,
No Dragon has his Will;
But Water from the Rock shall flow,
And the Vine flourish still.

15.

The Land around shall water'd be,
The Trees refresh'd with Show'rs;
The Cloud that little seem'd at first,
With vast Effusion pours.

16.

Our Sanctu'ry Waters run apace,
Like *Teman*'s not inflam'd;
Our *Jordan* Leprosie shall heal,
More than *Damascus* fam'd.

17.

Affyria's Waters muddy are,
But *Jordan*'s pure appear;
The filthy Puddle we disdain,
And wash in Waters clear.

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18.

When *Chrift* appears, we fhall be cloath'd,
In Garments white as Snow;
Our Bodies too with Water wafh'd,
Shall not one Blemifh fhew.

19.

His *Righteoufnefs* who is our *Lord*,
Adorns us white and clean;
Our glif'ring Rayment bright fhall fhine,
No Cloud fhall interveen.

V. The *Apoftles* *commiffion'd* by *Chrift* to baptize, as in *Matth.* 28. 19, 20. *Mark* 16. 15, 16.

1.

CH R I S T faid to his *Disciples* — Go
The Nations taught baptize;
Immerfe or dip them, I'm with you,
My Law to eternize.

2.

Chrift here no Parable gave out,
No Words were e'er more plain;
Yet *Antichrift* muft raife a Doubt,
And wrefts the Text for Gain.

3.

“ Go fprinkle Infants — Go fays he,
“ And pour Drops from your Hand;
“ *Subject* and *Mode* may alter'd be,
“ You break not *Chrift's* Command.”

4.

Sincerity can thefe Men plead,
Who fap the *Chriftian* Faith;
Who *Chrift's* firft Inftitute impede,
And mind not what he faith?

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5.

Whate'er new Doctrines Men devise,
If you would be sincere,
Professors of the Faith baptize ;
Or else no Subject's there.

6.

Bells, Images, or Stocks, and Stones,
They may baptize as well ;
Such Baptism ever Christ disowns,
The Scriptures plainly tell.

7.

With Human Rites some worship me,
And Rites Divine disdain ;
But they shall find whoe'er they be,
Such Worship is but vain.

VI. Water Baptism, to be continued to the End of
the World; even the Baptism of the Holy
Ghost, not superseding, but enforcing the Use
thereof. Matt. 28. 20. Mark 16. 15, 16.
Acts 10. 47. 48.

1.

CHRISTIANS say some, but Antichrists ;
With Holy Ghost baptis'd,
Baptismal Water's of no Use ;
The Scripture's they've despis'd.

2.

Both Paul and Peter, and they all,
Christ's Mission aggrandiz'd ;
Converts the Spirit who receiv'd,
With Water they baptiz'd.

3.

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3.
Christ said, baptize till Time shall end,
My Scriptures are Sublime ;
But some Men wand'ring in the dark,
Say, baptize for a Time.

4.
Is *Baptism* needful, others say ?
There's Matters of more Weight !
Mind these — the other too fulfill ;
Or dang'rous is your State.

5.
The Ceremonies Men appoint,
How fondly some admire !
Tho' morally oblig'd to keep,
The Laws *Christ* does require.

6.
Bold, fallible Assertors say,
Implicit Faith is due ;
But Searchers of *Beria* know,
Their Doctrine is not true.

7.
For, *Reason*, and *Antiquity*,
And *Revelation* say ;
Put not your Confidence in Man,
But only *God* obey.

8.
From *Revelation's* Bar we find,
And *Reason's* Bar survey'd ;
And the Bar of *Antiquity*,
This Truth to us convey'd.

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VII. *The Baptifm of the Houfe of Lydia, Stephanas, and the Jaylor. Acts 16. 13, 14, 15. 32. 33. 34. 1. Cor. 1. 16. 1. Cor. 16. 15.*

PRECEPT or Patern *Infantile,*
To *ſprinkle* or *baptize* ;
There's Nothing *General* or *Imphy'd,*
To favour this *Device.*

Our *Babes* to *Spinkle* or *Immerſe,*
Does *Chriſt's* *Deſign* defeat ;
No ſacred Word has yet appear'd,
To warrant ſuch *Deceit* :

Such *Precepts* are *Apocryphal,*
And like *Abihu's* *Fire* ;
For, from *God's* ſacred *Altar,* all
Will Worſhippers retire.

Expreſs *Command* is what we ask,
Or ſome *Example* plain ;
No trifling *Infant ſprinkler,* *elſe,*
Our *Favour* ſhall obtain.

All capable of *Comfort* were,
For *Faith* was *Lydia* priz'd ;
The *Jaylor's* *Family* likewise,
Believing were baptiz'd.

Stephanas' Houſe believ'd in *Chriſt,*
To miniſter deſir'd ;
Their *Father's* *Faith* availed not
Faith *Perſonal's* requir'd.

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^{7.}
Babe Sprinklers, *Christ's* Commands transgress,
In Subject as in Mode;
His Institutes, all must confess,
They banter and explode.

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VIII. A Personal, not Vicarial, Profession of
the Faith, entitles to Baptism. Matth. 28.
19. Mark. 16. 16. Acts 8. 37.

^{1.}
NO Baptism Infantile there is,
Nor Supper of the Lord;
Our Babes by other Means are sav'd,
As Scripture does record.

^{2.}
Had Infants Cov'nant Promises,
To run thro' all their Lives;
For Baptism no Foundation's laid,
God other Ways contrives.

^{3.}
My Parents' Faith, their Hope, and Love,
To me no Bliss convey;
Christ's Righteousness receiv'd by Faith,
Secures the happy Day.

^{4.}
An Overplus of Grace there is,
The foolish Virgins cry;
There's none to spare the Wise declare,
The Market can't supply.

^{5.}
Of Grace no Transfer can be made,
Nor can ye beg or borrow;
And Supererogation Works,
Will but encrease your Sorrow.

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6.

'Tis all Chimera, Fiction all !
An holy Fraud ! a Jest !
No Scripture founded that strange Rite ;
Baptismal Faith's the best.

IX. Baptism compar'd with Circumcision. Col.

2. 11. 12.

1.

Dispers'd are *Israel's* fleshly Race,
The *Circumcision's* new ;
When *Israel's* spiritual Seed appears,
Let them for *Baptism* sue.

2.

Not to eight Days, nor yet eight Years ;
This Institute's confin'd ;
But till the *Christian Faith's* profess'd,
Must always be declin'd.

3.

Both Males and Females all alike,
Christ said should be baptiz'd ;
But *Baptism Infantile* by him,
Was ne'er to us devis'd.

4.

Look well his *Testament* new peruse,
The Institutes are few ;
Who from the old for Warrants seek,
So far destroy the new.

5.

This Custom *Christian Faith* corrupts ;
And can no Convert make ;
Let all be *Christians* first ; and then,
Christ's Baptism they partake.

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Baptized with the Holy Ghost,
Who *Water* can forbid?
Grace to the *Centiles* granted was,
And for that Grace we plead.

X. *The Apostolic Practice of Baptism, agreeable*
to Christ's Commission. Acts 10. 44. Acts 9.
7. 8. Acts 2. 38. 41. 42, Acts 3. 12. Acts 16.
13, 14. 15. 32, 33, 34. Acts 18. 7, 8. Acts
22, 14. 16. Gal. 3. 27. Rom. 6. 3, 4, 5. Col.
2. 12.

1.

THE *little Children* brought to *Christ*,
Were by him bless'd and priz'd,
But his *Discip'es* were not told,
That they should be baptiz'd.

2.

For such alone as may be taught,
Can *Christ's* Command be brought;
By teaching He *Disciples* made,
First his *Apostles* taught.

3.

When *Christ's* Commission open'd was,
Three thousand *Converts* were;
Th' *Apostle Peter* all baptiz'd,
But no *Child's* number'd there.

4.

So *Philip* at *Samaria*,
None walk'd, but what were taught;
Paul, and the *Eunuch* both believ'd,
Before they *Baptism* sought.

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5.

Cornelius, and his Friends believ'd;
This Paul did ever preach;
Such at Philippi were baptiz'd,
This Truth did Corinth reach.

6.

When to the Roman Church Paul wrote,
None else baptiz'd were there;
And in Galatia baptiz'd,
With Christ they cloathed were.

7.

How the Colossians put on Christ,
How buried, how immers'd;
How God wrought in them Faith and Hope,
In Scripture is rehears'd.

8.

The Antiquarians first and best,
Did no new Rites invent;
Who can Christ's Institutes refine?
Believe him and repent.

9.

He said, Go teach the Nations first;
The Nations then baptize;
In Father, Son, and Spirit's Name;
Lo! you're before mine Eyes.



XI. The Connexion of Faith and Baptism. And
the Relation thereof to the Burial and Resur-
rection of Jesus. Mark 16. 16. Col. 2 12.

1.

HE that believes, and is baptiz'd,
Makes his Salvation sure;
But Unbelievers never can,
Eternal Bliss secure.

2.

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2.

The Saints baptiz'd in *Jesus*' Name,
 Forgiveness do receive ;
 And to them Influence Divine,
 The *Holy Ghost* shall give.

3.

These chosen are *Christ*'s Will to know,
 The *Just One* to behold ;
 And from his Mouth the Voice to hear,
 Which all Things can unfold.

4.

When plung'd into the Death of *Christ*,
 With him we buried are,
 And when we from the Water rise,
 His *Resurrection* share.

5.

Thus buried here, and rais'd again,
 We in his Steps shall tread ;
 In him rejoice thro' Paith Divine,
 And feast on living Bread.

XII. *The Danger of attempting to alter the Divine Institution of Baptism, either with Regard to its Subject or Mode. Matth. 15. 9. Heb. 10. 28. 29. Rev. 22. 18. 19.*

1.

GO, teach the Nations, and baptize,
 Dip them, as I was first,
 Said *Christ* — For my Commands you'll fight,
 If taught, they're not immerst.

2.

This Method practis'd was by *John*,
Philip the Eunuch plung'd ;
 Then tell us, ye *Believers*, why,
 This Law should be expung'd?

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3.

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3.

Wash them by dipping, Christ's Words mean,
Sprinkle not, nor yet pour;
But as in Water Cloaths are plung'd,
When we them dye or scour.

4.

Buried in Baptism with Christ,
With him we there do rise;
His Ordinances we pursue,
His Laws we'll not despise.

5.

The Pattern given was from the Mount,
We boast Conformity;
Christ strictly charg'd us to stand fast;
Annex'd a Penalty.

6.

More excellent than Moses' He,
Let none dare him reject,
Christ's Institutions alter not,
Nor his Commands correct.

XIII. The Eunuch baptiz'd by Philip. Acts
8. 36, 37, 38, 39.

1.

THE Truth sincerely we pursue,
For Baptism stand equipp'd;
The Eunuch's History we read,
Where He's by Philip dip'd.

2.

'Tis dangerous Delays to make,
Philip thro' Desarts hastes,
To Gaza from Jerusalem;
The Angel it forecasts.

3.

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3.

To Gaza from Jerusalem,
The Angel led the Way;
Philip o'er barren Desarts flies,
Impatient of Delay.

4.

God knew, and happily they met,
The Blackmoor white was rins'd;
Th' Ethiopian, Jews despis'd,
Grace sanctifying cleans'd.

5.

Their happy Meeting God foreknew,
Guided their Steps aright;
And th' Ethiopian, Jews despis'd,
Was wash'd by Philip white.

6.

A Courtier, and a Nobleman,
High Treasurer to the Queen,
Religiously concerned was
And soon the Christian seen.

7.

The Proslyte to Jerusalem,
In his own Chariot rode;
Blush Grandeur! Know he thither went,
T'adore the Living God.

8.

What numbers greater Light enjoy,
But with less Zeal are fir'd?
How many Nobles practise least,
From whom the most's requir'd?

9.

How many see with op'ner Face,
Yet lesser Warmths them move?
How many Courtiers more do know,
Yet much subside their Love?